

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-4, 6, 14, 16, 18-22, 25-27 and 30, rejected claims 9, 11, 17, 24, 28, 31-33, 36 and 37 and objected to claims 10, 12, 13, 23, 29, 34 and 35. The Examiner indicated that claims 10, 12, 13, 23, 29, 34 and 35 were objected to because each was dependent on a rejected claim. The Office Action indicated that the objected to claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully disagree with the grounds for rejection but in an effort to advance allowance, have cancelled all claims which have been rejected as well as those claims to which there was an objection. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled claim and any amended claim in its original form in a continuation application.

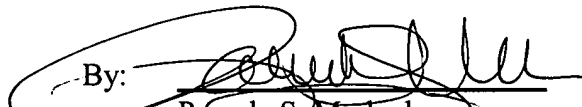
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4, 6, 14, 16, 18-22, 25-27 and 30 are allowable over the cited art. All other claims have been cancelled, therefore Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the application with its remaining pending claims is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1847.

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